



Winterizing Your Above Ground Pool

1. Vacuum your pool, and backwash
2. Raise chlorine level to 3.0ppm, the shock according to shock label. Add at least one quart of algaecide, the more you add of each the better. Adjust your pH to 7.4-7.6.
3. Drain your water $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" below the bottom of your skimmer. You can do this by hooking up your pool vacuum, and vacuuming on the waste setting. Put your Gizzmo in the skimmer, or leave the bottom of the skimmer open. If you use an Aquadoor, it is not necessary to drain the water level in your pool.
4. Remove "eye-ball" jets, skimmer baskets, and drain caps/plugs from the pump and filter and store them.
5. For Sand filters, put the sand filter valve on the "Winter" setting or between two settings so that it is in an inactive position.
6. Remove the pool hoses, and store.
7. Remove ladder and/or drop-in steps and store.
8. If you use an air pillow (or freeze balloon) inflate half way and use rope to anchor balloon by it's grommets in the center of the pool. This reduces the amount of water and leaves gather in the center of the pool.
9. Spread the cover over the pool and thread the cable through the grommets and into the metal winch, tighten the metal winch to pull the cable tight over the pool rail.



10. Keep the water pumped off the cover throughout the winter. This will reduce the stress and damage from excessive weight. A cover pump or siphon can be used.

Sparkle Pools